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SUBJ: GOJ HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN MURDER OF JAPANESE  
CITIZEN (YANO)

REFS: (A) TOKYO 2278; (B) STATE 37953

1. DURING DISCUSSION MAR 4 WITH POLCOUNS ON OTHER SUBJECTS, FONOFF FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIV HEAD FUKADA RAISED AGAIN WITH US PROBLEM OF HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN YANO MURDER CASE. FUKADA MENTIONED THAT YANO FAMILY HAS APPROACHED THREE DIET MEMBERS, INCLUDING MATSUHE MORI, WHO IS FORMER PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND VERY ACTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL LDP DIET MEMBER FROM KYUSHU. THESE DIET MEMBERS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WHICH IN TURN HAS KEPT THE HEAT ON FONOFF TO COME UP WITH SOME SOLUTION TO YANO FAMILY'S GRIEVANCE.

2. FUKADA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SINCERE INTEREST EXPRESSED BY DEPARTMENT AND U.S. AUTHORITIES (REF B) AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM AND CUSTOMS PROVIDED NO CLEAR PROSPECTS FOR REDRESS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, FUKADA SAID FONOFF IS LOOKING  
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INTO OTHER POSSIBILITIES, MOST PROMISING ONE AT

MOMENT BEING POSSIBILITY OF GETTING U.S.-JAPAN  
FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION IN NEW ORLEANS TO TAKE  
SOME INTEREST IN CASE.

3. FUKADA PROVIDED US WITH COPIES OF MOST RECENT  
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN ELDER YANO AND  
PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S PRIVATE SECRETARY  
(KIUCHI). WE ARE POUCHING TRANSLATIONS OF THESE  
LETTERS TO DEPARTMENT FOR EA/J.

4. COMMENT: FUKADA'S REMARKS WERE LOW KEY AND  
INDICATED HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS INABILITY OF USG  
TO FULFILL YANO FAMILY'S EXPECTATIONS FOR SOLATIUM.  
AT SAME TIME, FUKADA IS OBLIGED TO BE RESPONSIVE  
TO POLITICAL PRESSURES FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.  
WE MAY THEREFORE HEAR MORE FROM FONOFF ON  
THIS SUBJECT. WE NOTE THAT KIUCHI'S LETTER TO  
YANO IS REASONABLY OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF  
AMERICAN VIEWPOINT ON THIS CASE AND MAKES NO  
ATTEMPT TO SHOW US IN UNFAVORABLE LIGHT OR  
ENCOURAGE YANO FAMILY IN EXPECTATIONS THAT  
CANNOT BE FULFILLED.  
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